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REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 6 – 8 and 10 – 12 and canceled claims 1 – 5, 9, 13 - 17. Thus, claims 6 – 8 and 10 – 12 are presented for examination. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to objections to the claim:

Claim 9 stands objected to because of informalities. Claim 9 has been canceled. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection to the claim.

Response to rejections under Section 112:

Claims 9 and 14 - 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the Examiner contending that these claims are indefinite for use of the phrase “for example.” Applicant has canceled claims 9 and 14 - 16.

Request for allowance of claim 11:

The Examiner indicated that claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claim 11 has been rewritten in such a manner. In view of the amendment to claim 11, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 is in condition for allowance and allowance of claims 6 – 8, 10, and 12 based on their dependency from claim 11.

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Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the objections and rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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